

As a covenant community we are committed to the belief that all people are created equal before God. In affirmation of the inclusive love of Christ Jesus, we welcome persons of any race, gender, age, sexual orientation, ability and economic circumstance to full participation in our community life and ministry. We strive to reflect these beliefs in the language and content of our worship and in our lives together.



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 27, 2016

9:00am
11:15am

All children are welcome to stay in worship. Coloring materials are available from the ushers. At the 9am service only, childcare is available for kids under age 6 in the preschool room downstairs.

After the 9am service, join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

PRELUDE

Preamble op 31 No 1
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today
Eleanor Daley(b. 1955)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kirby Salerno 9am
Scott Stewart 11:15am

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN # 233 (NCH)**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

OPENING PRAYER

Call to Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

Unison Prayer

**Lord Christ, if you were not risen, to whom would we go
to discover the radiance of the face of God?**

**If you were not risen, we would not be together seeking your
communion.**

**We would not find in your presence forgiveness, wellspring of
a new beginning.**

**If you were not risen, where would we draw the energy for
following you right to the end of our existence, for choosing
you again and anew?**

Thank you, Lord, for making everything new!

Hear us as we pray...

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Easter Amen

Robert Farrell arr. V. Becker

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*9am Service Only*)

Children return to their seats.

ANTHEM

All Heaven Declares

Noel Richards(b. 1955) and Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 1-18

NT, p. 109

SERMON

“Giving Up Death”

Heike Werder

HYMN (seated) #231 (NCH)

Because You Live, O Christ

MORNING PRAYER

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus
GF Handel (1685 - 1759)

**Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN # 245 (NCH)

The Day of Resurrection

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

This Joyful Eastertide
Hymn tune - VRUECHTEN

POSTLUDE

Sarabande
Herbert Howells (1892 -1983)

**You are invited to stand.*

NCH stands for New Century Hymnal (Black Hymnal) and PH stands for Pilgrim Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Special thanks to Stanley Normile, guest trumpeter, for sharing his gift of music with us this morning.

- Welcome to all who are here for the first time. Please fill out the blue “Welcome” card in the pews to receive weekly emails or newsletters.
- Please turn off your cell phone before attending the service.
- Please ask an usher if you would like a copy of the sermon, or need a hearing device. Copies of the sermons are also available on the sermon link at www.needhamucc.org, our church website.

Worship Leader 9am: Kirby Salerno

Worship Leader 11:15am: Scott Stewart

Deacons 9am: Rick Devereux, Kirby Salerno

Deacons 11:15am: Stephanie Oddleifson, Charles Baker

Altar Guild: Jane Clayton-Matthews, Carol Miller

Ushers: Rob Blauvelt, Kevin Ward

Flowers: Janet Drake

Benefiting the youth of Guatemala, the Partnership presents:

Not Your Average Talent Concert 2

Directed by: Cici Hunt

Saturday, April 2, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Congregational Church of Needham
1154 Great Plain Avenue

Suggested Donation: \$15 per person; \$30 per family

Music and Surprise Performers

Silent Auction featuring Guatemalan Crafts

Proceeds to benefit education in Guatemala

Appropriate for all ages. Bring the family!

Contact: Alan Clayton-Matthews

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Youth Ministries

Valerie Becker, Music Director
The Rev. Dr. Paul Clayton, Pastor Emeritus
Sangyoung Kim, Organist/ Accompanist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study, Sunday's @ 11:30 Conference Room

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of the Bible? Everyone is welcome to try out Adult Bible Study. We meet on Sundays immediately after church from 11:30 to 12:30 in the reception room. This winter, we will be studying Paul's epistle to the Romans, for what should be a wonderful discussion about faith. Contact Sunu Yeh at dormouse99@gmail.com for more information. Please drop by and try us out!

ONA Ministry Team Reminder

Out MetroWest Trivia Night and Silent Auction April 9, 5:45pm at Framingham High School. Contact Kathie Carpenter (kacarp@comcast.net) right away if you want to participate. Youth welcome! Awesome time!

Guatemala 'Servathon' Coming Up -- Sponsors/Workers Needed

The Guatemala Partnership is seeking sponsors and volunteer workers for our day of community-service work at the church and at the Needham Community Farm (**April 9th**). Please consider sponsoring a volunteer who may ask for your pledge. And if you can work at this fundraiser, please contact Nancy Lane at: nrlane6@hotmail.com.

Guatemala Yard Sale Save the Date and Donations

If your thoughts are turning to spring cleaning, please save your household 'treasures' for the Guatemala Yard Sale (Sat. May 14, 9am - 2 pm, at Caryl and Dave Johnson's). More details in the April FOCUS. For questions, contact Brenda Metzler: bmetzler7@verizon.net.

Interested In A Bike Ride This Summer?

Anyone interested in biking the Erie Canal bike path, from Buffalo to Albany around the end of June, beginning July? This 400 mile ride is an adventure for all levels of bikers. Talk to Rev. Heike if you are interested.

Friendly Chimers

If you've ever wanted to make music but have no real music-making experience, consider joining FRIENDLY CHIMERS! Prerequisites include being able to 1) keep time 2) learn two notes (one for each hand) 3) regularly attend rehearsals (11:40-12:30 after church every Sunday) 4) enjoy playing with others 5) be patient with yourself and fellow Chimers. If you're interested, contact Joanne Seiden (781-449-6635, jseiden@basiclink.com). WE NEED YOU!

Request for Altar Guild Volunteers The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. High school students are welcome to join. Please contact Carol Miller at milerc291@verizon.net for more information.

Family Promise Metrowest 7th Annual Walkathon on April 9, 2016

Beginning at 7:45-10:30am on Natick Common. Be part of this exciting day as volunteers and supporters gather to raise funds and awareness for Family Promise Metrowest, a comprehensive program making a difference in the lives of families who are homeless. Walk with our church team on the 5K route from the Natick Common to Natick High School and back or sponsor one of our church team walkers. Please go to www.familypromisemetrowest.org/ or stop by our coffee hour table to learn more. Thank you, Susan Kirk

Circle of Hope's Renewal 2016

Co-presented by Dedham Savings and Needham Bank, will take place April 9 and 10 at the Needham Sheraton. All proceeds benefit Circle of Hope and its mission to provide homeless children, women and men in and around Boston with clothing and necessities to preserve and enhance overall health and personal dignity.

Saturday, April 9, 2016 Renewal Preview Cocktail Party and Exclusive Sale of Vignette Items 6:30 pm-10:00 pm, \$75 per person. Visit circleofhopeonline.org to reserve your spot!

Sunday, April 10, 2016 Sale of vignette items continues Noon to 3:00 p.m. No admission fee.

The Deacons would like to invite all members of the congregation to "An Evening of Fellowship and Feedback" on Wed. March 30th in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8 pm. We particularly urge all leaders - committee chairs and their committee members to attend.

The goal of the evening is to begin a process to share and collect ideas for the future direction of our Church. We would like your feed back on the following three questions:

What practices should we continue and expand upon?

What practices should we start doing that would make our church even more vibrant?

What practices should we stop to ensure that we don't repeat the mistakes of the past?

The ideas collected will help provide direction and a strong foundation that we can use together, and with our interim minister, to start shaping and building the future of our congregation. A light dinner will be served and childcare can be arranged upon request!

Please join us in this next exciting step in our journey together!

Blessings!

The Board of Deacons

CALENDAR March 27th—April 9th

Sunday, March 27th Easter Sunday	9:00 am 10:00am 11:15am	Easter Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i> Easter Egg Hunt Easter Worship, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday, March 28th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, March 29th	7:00 pm	CE Meeting
Wed., March 30th	6:30 pm	Deacon's Evening Fellowship Feedback, <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Thursday, March 31st	7:30 pm	Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday, April 2nd	4:00 pm	Guatemala Talent Concert, <i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, April 3rd	10:00am 11:30am 7:00 pm	Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i> Church Meeting RE: Village Fair, <i>Library</i> Guatemala Auction, <i>Linden Hall</i> Guatemala Meeting, <i>Library</i>
Monday, April 4th	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Cancer Support Group, <i>1154 Reception</i> Confirmation Class, <i>Linden Hall</i>
Tuesday, April 5th	10:00am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl, <i>1180 GPA</i> Community Dinner, <i>Linden Hall</i> Youth Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 6th	7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Board Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i> EMT Meeting, <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, April 7th	12:00pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Lunch with Heike, <i>1180 GPA</i> Friendly Society Meeting, <i>1180 GPA</i> CLUB 3-4-5 Meeting, Choir Practice, <i>Linden AB</i>
Saturday, April 9th	8:00 am	Guatemala Serv-a-Thon

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